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SAVANNAH, Ga. - The Armstrong Atlantic State men's and women's tennis teams travel to Sumter, S.C., this weekend for the 2010 ITA Southeast Regional for singles and doubles action. The Pirates sport the top-seeded men's and women's singles and doubles players for this weekend.

The singles and doubles champions in both the men's and women's brackets will advance out of this weekend's play to the ITA Small College National Championships on Oct. 14-17 in Mobile, Ala.

For the three-time defending NCAA Division II National Champion women's tennis team, senior **Alida Muller** is the top seed in the women's singles bracket and will not take the court until Saturday after earning a first-round bye. Teammate and freshman Barbora Krtickova is the No. 2 seed and will also not play until Saturday after a bye.

Sophomore Joanna Szymczyk is a No. 5-8 seed and junior Kathleen Henry is a No. 9-16 seed, both players also receiving byes. The only AASU player who will be in singles action on Friday afternoon is sophomore Jessica Gardefjord, who will face Columbus State's Tracy Castillo at 4:45 p.m.

In doubles, the duo of Muller-Wehlau and Krtickova are the top seed and will play at 2:00 p.m. on Friday against the winner of GCSU's Johnson/Lochner and Queens' Mileva/Blakey. The duo of Gardefjord and Szymczyk are the No. 3 seed and will play at 2:00 p.m. against the winner of Limestone's Aubry/Munoz and Erskine's Bignon/Rheault.

On the men's side, senior Mikk Irdoja is the No. 1 seed in the men's singles bracket after finishing the 2010 season as the top-ranked player in NCAA Division II. He is the only player in the 63-player field with a bye and Irdoja will open singles action on Saturday. Junior Eudaldo Bonet, a former No. 1-ranked player in DII, is the No. 2 seed and will face Erskine's Fabio Ciarrocchi at 6:45 p.m. on Friday.

Senior Rafael Array is the No. 4-seeded singles player and he opens action at 5:15 p.m. against Erskine's Christian Rangelov, while sophomore Matus Mydla is a No. 5-8 seed and will play against Columbus State's Gordan Divljak at 5:30 p.m. on Friday.

Sophomore Daniel Regan will take on Wingate's Matthew Lichtenstein at 6:15 p.m. on Friday and newcomer and freshman Pedro Scocuglia will take on Erskine's Angelo Ciarrocchi at 5:00 p.m.

In doubles, the duo of Array and Irdoja are the top-seeded doubles duo and will play at 2:30 p.m. on Friday against the winner of Queens' Dhruva and Lee-Daigle and Flagler's Coulis and Snoxell. The duo of Bonet and Regan will take on

Erskine's Chauvette and A. Ciarrocchi at 1:00 p.m. on Friday in first-round action and the duo of Mydla and Scocuglia will play Barton's Grobel and Stefani at 1:00 p.m. on Friday.

Play continues through the weekend with the finals in all four brackets taking place on Monday.



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